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1. The Soviet SS KRIM was seen loading and discharging cargo and passengers on these dates. Several Soviet technicians disembarked and some political prisoners embarked. The ship discharged motor vehicles, glass, and steel poles for electric lines.
2. The Bulgarian SS RODINA discharged machine parts, Soviet motor vehicles, and eight tank trucks.
3. Cargo handling equipment used in the Port consists of:
 - a. Six modern electric 5 ton cranes manufactured in Germany, but using Hungarian motors.
 - b. German MAN tractors used to tow rubber-tired cargo trailers.
 - c. Large trucks resembling the Czech Skoda "Titanus".
 - d. Numerous Soviet trucks.
4. The commercial pier is linked to the fuel storage tanks by a Soviet-made 60 ton railroad tank car. There is a pipeline from the fuel tanks to the outer breakwater. There are three tanks lying approximately 500 meters inshore on a line projected from the east breakwater. Tank capacity: one of 3600 tons, one of about 2000 tons, and the third of about 1500 tons.

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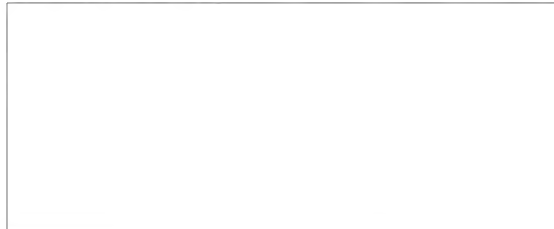


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5. The Bulgarian SS RODINA discharged sacks of bran or wheat. The Soviet SS KRIM discharged general cargo, steel drums, and sacks measuring 1.5 x 1.30 m. probably containing leather. [Redacted] Steel pipe previously observed lying on the wharf was being loaded on railroad cars.

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